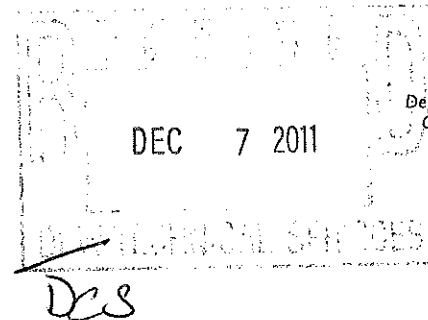




**State Historic
Preservation Office**

December 5, 2011

Mr. Jeffrey S. Bolton
Department of Construction Services
165 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106



DECD
State of Connecticut
Department of Economic and
Community Development

Subject: Proposed Demolition of Buildings 11 and 29
Former Cedarcrest Hospital
Russell Road
Newington, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Bolton:

The State Historic Preservation Office is in receipt of the above-referenced project, which involves properties listed on the State Register of Historic Places, pursuant to the provisions of the Connecticut Environmental Policy Act.

After conducting a site evaluation and careful review of the materials presented as justification, this office has determined that there appears to be "no feasible and prudent alternative" to the proposed undertaking in accordance with CEPA.

Given the location of this site within the former Cedarcrest facility, SHPO requests the opportunity to provide review and comment on the design of new construction to ensure reasonable compatibility with the character and integrity of the remaining historic campus.

The State Historic Preservation Office looks forward to continuing coordination with the Department of Construction Services in the responsible conservation of the state's heritage. Please contact Susan Chandler, Historical Architect, should you have additional questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

David Bahlman
State Historic Preservation Officer